

Amendments to the Claims. (material to be inserted is in bold and underline, material to be deleted is in ~~[brackets and strikeout]~~).

1. (Currently Amended) A universal angle jig comprising:

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a pair of first rulers each having ~~[a linear portion at least at a part thereof]~~ linear edges on both sides in the width direction throughout the entire length parallel to each other and being pivotally supported at ~~[any position along the linear portions]~~ one end so as to be freely pivotable relative to each other, wherein the pivotally supported ends of the first rulers are cylindrically rounded so as to have the respective pivotal axis as a center thereof;

a pair of second rulers each having ~~[a linear portion at least at a part thereof]~~ linear edges on both sides in the width direction throughout the entire length parallel to each other, being pivotally supported at ~~[any position along the linear portions]~~ one end so as to be freely pivotable relative to each other, and being pivotally coupled to the first rulers respectively, so that a parallelogram having four sides of equal length is defined by connecting four pivotal axes with straight lines, wherein the pivotally supported ends of the second rulers are cylindrically rounded so as to have the respective pivotal axis as a center thereof; and

a reference ruler having ~~[a linear portion at least at a part thereof]~~ linear edges on both sides in the width direction throughout the entire length parallel to each other, supporting the pivotal axes ~~[for]~~ between the pair of first rulers and ~~[for]~~ between the pair of second rulers such that said two pivotal axes are respectively coupled to positions

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along ~~[the linear portion of]~~ the reference ruler, and permitting both of said two pivotal axes to freely move in a direction along a diagonal line of the parallelogram up to the respective end of the reference ruler so that the respective end of the reference ruler is not protruded from at least one of the rounded ends of the first rulers or at least one of the rounded ends of the second rulers, wherein the both ends of the reference ruler are cylindrically rounded so as to match up to the respective rounded ends of the first and second rulers when each ends of the first or second rulers are moved along with corresponding pivotal axis, and

wherein one or more angles, which are among an angle formed by the pair of first rulers, an angle formed by the pair of second rulers, and an angle formed by the reference ruler and one of the first rulers or one of the second rulers, are specified as angles to be obtained.

2. (Original) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, further comprising a locking portion for permitting and restraining the movement of said pivotal axis in the direction of the diagonal line and/or the pivot of at least one of the pair of first rulers or at least one of the pair of second rulers.

3. (Original) The universal angle jig according to claim 2, wherein said locking portion is comprised of external thread portions formed on said two pivotal axes respectively and internal thread portions into which the external thread portions are screwed respectively.

4. (Previously Presented) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, wherein the reference ruler is provided with scale indicia used for indicating said angles to be obtained according to the position of said pivotal axis and said pivotal axis is provided with a mark used for pointing out a scale division corresponding to the position of said pivotal axis.

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5. (Previously Presented) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, wherein the reference ruler supports said pivotal axis so as to be freely slidable in the direction of the diagonal line and comprises a guide groove having a width which is uniform throughout its entire length, and wherein said pivotal axis has such a shape that it can slide in the guide groove without rattling.

6. (Previously Presented) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, wherein the first rulers, the second rulers and the reference ruler each have uniform width and thickness in a direction along the linear portion.

7. (Currently Amended) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, wherein the pair of first rulers [~~or the pair of second rulers~~] respectively extend beyond their associated coupling point [~~at which the pair of first rulers or the second rulers are coupled~~]

to each other] with the pair of second rulers, or the pair of second rulers respectively extend beyond their associated coupling point with the pair of first rulers.

8. (Original) The universal angle jig according to claim 7, wherein either the pair of first rulers or second rulers, which extend beyond their coupling point, are substantially twice longer than the other pair.

9. (New) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, wherein the pair of first rulers respectively extend beyond their associated coupling point with the pair of second rulers, and wherein

an angle formed by the pair of first rulers when the pivotal axis between the pair of first rulers is located at the respective end of the reference ruler, and an angle formed by one of the extended part of the first rulers and the adjacent the second ruler when the pivotal axis for the pair of second rulers is located at the respective end of the reference ruler, are specified as an internal corner angle and an external corner angle to be obtained, respectively.

10. (New) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, wherein the pair of second rulers respectively extend beyond their associated coupling point with the pair of first rulers, and wherein

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angle formed by the extended part of the pair of second rulers when the pivotal axis for the pair of second rulers is located at the respective end of the reference ruler, are specified as an internal corner angle and an external corner angle to be obtained, respectively.

11. (New) The universal angle jig according to claim 1, wherein each of the pivotally supported portions of the adjacent rulers are overlapped with each other, and each of the opposing sides of the overlapped portions is respectively halved in thickness so that at least the rear surfaces of the rulers, on which the reference ruler is provided, is entirely flat in surface.
